THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) The Central Govt, has been advising the State Govts from time to time for adopting cost effective housing techniques and construction practices and large-scale application of low cost materials, to achieve much needed economy in construction. Recently, Govt, have advised the State Govts, to issue instructions to their agencies for adopting timber substitutes in their construction work and to associate the Building Centres, started under the centrally sponsored scheme in order to promote use of low cost housing technology and appropriate building materials, in their housing programme.

(c) The following initiatives have so far been taken in regard to popularising low cost building technologies:—

—In corporation of low cost building technologies into the specifications of CPWD and State housing and building agencies and preparation of separata standards by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).

— Operation of the Central scheme of Building Centres for demonstration and extension of cost-effective technologies and training of artisans in innovative low cost techniques at local level.

— Support to construction of demonstration housing using low cost technologies .

— Support to research and development organisations for technology application and transfer.

— Strengthening of arrangements for large scale field applications of cost effective technologies and commercialising of production of innovative low cost materials and components through the B.M.T.P.C.

— Providing fiscal concessions for production and adoption of cost effective and innovative building materials and technologies, particularly those based on industiral wastes like flyash. phospbogypsum and redmud.

— Providing institutional finance through HUNCO/NHB for setting up commercial production units of low cost building materials based on wastes.

— Promotion of cost effective tehnologies in the housing schemes being funded by housing finance institutions like HUDCO and NHB.

**Financial Assistance for Rural Homing by HUDCO**

4581. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a provision in the HUDCO Budget for rendering financial help for Rural Housing; and

(b)if so, the details thereof and the financial help given during the last two years. State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Out of the total loan allocated for housing projects by HUDCO in a year, 15 per cent is earmarked for rural housing programmes in the country, benefiting economically weaker sections. The State-wise details of loan sanctioned by HUDCO for housing projects in rural areas, during the years 1991-92 and 1992-93 are given in the Statement.

**Statement**

| S.No. | Name of the State | Loan sanctioned for rural housing 1991-92 | 1992-93 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | (Rs. in crores) | |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 28.06 | 11.61 |
| 2 | Assam | 2.61 | 0.94 |
| 3 | Bihar | Nil | Nil |
| 4 | Gujarat | 5.33 | 5.73 |
| 5 | Himachal Pradesh | Nil | Nil |
| 6 | Haryana | Nil | 5.00 |
| 7 | Jammu & Kashmir | Nil | Nil |
| 8 | Kerala | 9.53 | 32.06 |
| 9 | Karnataka | 10.81 | 6.00 |
| 10 | Meghalaya | 0.41 | Nil |
| 11 | Maharashtra | 4.43 | 0.77 |
| 12 | Madhya Pradesh | Nil | Nil |
| 13 | Orissa | 11.30 | 12.11 |
| 14 | Punjab | Nil | Nil |
| 15 | Rajasthan | Nil | Nil |
| 16 | Sikkim | Nil | 1.17 |
| 17 | Tamil Nadu | 15.41 | 19.19 |
| 18 | Tripura | Nil | Nil |
| 19 | Uttar Pradesh | 46.56 | 17.44 |
| 20 | West Bengal | 9.30 | 10.38 |
| | | 143.74 | 122.40 |